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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Martin Fangmeier

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the final Office Action dated March 26, 2008 [Paper No. 20080323] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice as noted in detail below.